



# *CITY COUNCIL*

## *Work Session*

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*Penn Room*

*Monday, June 16, 2008*  
*7:00 P.M.*

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Call To Order</b>   | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Managing Directors Report</b>   | <b>7:05 p.m.</b> |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Opportunity House (M. Fume &amp; B. Vitale)</b><br><i>Street vacation request</i> | <b>7:15 p.m.</b> |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>Briefing on City-owned Dams (D. Hoag)</b>   | <b>7:45 p.m.</b> |

### **Issues requiring follow-up from May Work Session**

- Earl Poole Sanctuary on Antietam Road transferred to the Conservancy from Earl Trust- R. Hottenstein
  - Is the Conservancy Charging a fee for the nature walk or requesting a donation? – R. Hottenstein
  - Amendment to CDBG Budget for \$125,000 for a library book mobile – R. Hottenstein
  - List of repairs submitted by library – L. Kelleher
  - List of economic development activities in Reading, Lancaster, and Allentown, including the state and federal financing provided – R. Hottenstein
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## **Meeting Schedule**

- June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. – Public Hearing – Zoning amendments to change the RO district to CN and change the R3 designation to R2 on Kenhorst Blvd.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. – Finance Committee

**BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING THE TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP OF THE CITY OF READING BY  
VACATING LAFAYETTE STREET, BETWEEN PEAR AND NORTH 2<sup>nd</sup> STREETS  
AND VACATING PEAR STREET, BETWEEN BEECH AND LAFAYETTE STREETS**

**WHEREAS**, 53 P.S. §37916 requires an adoption of an Ordinance of Council to vacate a street;

**WHEREAS**, City of Reading Codified Ordinance Section 15-102 requires all permanent traffic regulations occur by Ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, Opportunity House has submitted two petitions seeking the vacation of Lafayette Street, between Pear and North 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets and the vacation of Pear Street, between Beech and Lafayette Streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Reading Planning Commission, through the adoption of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_-2008 and the Department of Public Works of have recommended that the aforementioned street vacation request be approved by the City of Reading City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY  
ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The topographical map of the City of Reading shall be amended vacating Lafayette Street, between Pear and North 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets and vacating Pear Street, between Beech and Lafayette Streets.

**SECTION 2.** The Director of the Department of Public Works and/or the City Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to enter and record the above-described change in the Topographical Survey Book of Streets in the Department of Public Works, recorded in the City Engineers Office as Plan No. 5908. S/he is further directed to take all necessary steps to ensure proper signage of the aforesaid alterations to Lafayette Street, between Pear and North 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets and to Pear Street, between Beech and Lafayette.

**SECTION 3.** The City Solicitor is authorized and directed to take such further steps in court or elsewhere as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance will become effective in ten (10) days, in accordance with Charter Section 219.

Enacted \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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President of Council

Attest:

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City Clerk

(Council Staff)

Submitted to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by the Mayor's Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

From: William Vitale [wvitale@comcast.net]

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2008 2:57 PM

To: Linda A. Kelleher

Cc: Andrew W. Miller; modesto fiume; Bob Stackhouse; Jennifer Rezeli

Subject: Pear Street Vacation

Linda,

Attached are two Diagrammatic Plans for Opportunity House's proposed project along Pear Street. A plan showing existing conditions of the area is also attached. Four parcels along Pear Street are indicated as privately owned. Opportunity House plans to have ownership of all the parcels by the time we begin building design.

The proposed facility will be a daycare/technology center. The project will be sustainably designed and will seek LEED certification. Outdoor landscape and recreational areas will be developed as part of the daycare function and in keeping with the green concepts of the project. For safety and environmental reasons, Opportunity House would like to create a vehicular free zone for the building and outdoor areas. The vacation of the northern end of Pear Street and Lafayette Street will facilitate this.

Building and site design will begin with a design charrette (workshop) involving all project stakeholders. This will take place the week of June 23rd. We do not want to preempt the process by developing the site plan beforehand, therefore we're presenting diagrammatic plans which illustrate possible site layouts. The drawings are conceptual and are for illustrative purposes. The location of the building may likely end up in the area shown, but vehicular access, service and parking can, and may, change. As part of the process, input from the City's Planning and Public Works departments with regard to the layout will be solicited.

Please call or email if you have any questions or need more information.